

REMARKS

Status of Claims:

Claims 1-97 are pending in the present application. Claims 1--6, 14-23, 25-29, 37-55, and 94 have been cancelled. Claims 56-93 and 96 and 97 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 7-10, 24, 30-33 and 95 have been deemed by the Examiner to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the claim objections and rejections under 25 USC 112. Claims 7-13, 24, 30-36, and 95 have been amended as indicated above.

Claim Objections:

The Examiner has objected to claims 6-12 and 25-54 as stated in the Action at pages 3, paragraph 4. The claims have now been cancelled or amended to address the Examiner's objections. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the claim objections is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC 112:

Claims 6-12, and 29-35 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite as indicated in the Action at pages 3-4, paragraph 5. The claims have either been cancelled or amended to remove the confusing and/or redundant language. As amended, the claims are not indefinite and, therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC 102 and 103:

Claims 1-5, 11-12, 18, 21, 25-28, 34-35, 41, 44-46 and 20-55 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by or in the alternative under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over U.S. 3,600,359 to Miranda ("Miranda"). The Examiner alleges that Miranda discloses the claimed polymerizable organic composition.

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 11-23, 25-29, 34-45, 50-55 and 94 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S> 5,916,987 to Kobayashi ("Kobayashi"). The Examiner states that Kobayashi discloses a polymerizate derived from a composition comprising a sulfur-containing O-(meth)acrylate compound containing thioruethane linkages with refractive index and Abbe numbers of the claimed within the claimed ranges, as set forth in the Action at page 6, paragraph 9.

Claims 4 and 46 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by or in the alternative, under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Kobayashi as set forth in the Action at pages 9-11, paragraph 10.

Claim 48 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Kobayashi as set forth in the Action at page 12, paragraph 11.

Claim 49 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Kobayashi in view of US 4,816,584 to Kwak as set forth in the Action at page 12, paragraph 12.

As previously mentioned, claims 1-6, 14-23, 25-29, 37-55, and 94 have been cancelled, and Claims 7-13, 24, 30-36, and 95 have been amended as indicated above to overcome the Examiner's objections and/or rejections under 35 USC 112, or to depend from the amended independent claims. All amendments are supported by the specification and/or claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the claim rejection under 35 USC 102(b) and 103(a) are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 7-10, 24, 30-33 and 95. Applicants assert that the claims have been amended to overcome all of the

Examiner's objections and rejections under 35 USC 112, and/or to depend from claims reciting subject matter deemed to be allowable. Applicants believe that the application now is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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